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TO : Chief, Foreign Branch "M"
FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe
SUBJECT: CAMISADE -- Termination of Operation

1. Operational developments in the CAMISADE operation indicate that despite evidence that CAMISADE may be reliable, the operation should be terminated. CAMISADE has, for the past few months, consistently related stories for the apparent purpose of capturing the interest of his case officer which have had a fantastic ring and which were not susceptible to proof. In at least one case, the CAMISADE/ALEXANDER adventure, some of CAMISADE's alleged facts were proven to be at least substantially true. This case, however -- an exception rather than the rule -- could equally well be adduced as evidence that the agent is tripled. In a more recent case it was proven beyond a reasonable doubt that CAMISADE was lying. This latter case concerned the alleged delivery by Fraulein KAHNKE, a subsource of CAMISADE's, of a mythical file of secret SNB teletype material to a former SNB employee now living in the US Sector of Berlin.

2. Although CAMISADE's case officer and [] are both satisfied that the agent lies at least at times, they are not certain as to his motivation in lying. One possibility is, of course, that it is primarily bread and butter lying for the purpose of maintaining his case officer's interest in the contact. The more sinister possibility -- a theory which [] and [] are inclined to consider likely -- is that CAMISADE has actually long been tripled against us. Precise determination of the agent's motivation, as well as a comprehensive investigation of the extent of his lying, is operationally impractical. Not only is the type of surveillance required beyond our operational capabilities, but the complex nature of the triple operation would make anything other than attendance at CAMISADE's meetings with his Soviet case officer inconclusive. For this reason we recommend that, rather than take manpower and time away from more fruitful operations, the CAMISADE operation be terminated without further ado. We plan to terminate the case merely by informing the agent we have no further interest in him, with no final settlement of any kind.

3. We do not feel that our conclusions necessarily conflict with the findings of the CARRIAGE test to which CAMISADE was subjected. The same factor -- the complexity of a true triple operation -- which makes an operational investigation of the case all but impossible, would permit CARRIAGE findings which, although true, are not an accurate reflection of the reliability of the agent.

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REFS: WASH-8585, 0093 BRLN 1323, 1254 MGK-W-1451 and others

1. We bring to your attention that CAMISADE has now been terminated by BOB and will no longer be used in any manner for operations of this organization. MGBA-3480 outlines quite clearly the reasons for the agent's termination. We strongly believe in view of the agent's poor security that our training him would be of great risk.

2. [] merely checked the agent's radio aptitude and found that he had some knowledge of code. No other tests ~~was~~ or information regarding the nature of our stay behind program was given to him by us.

3. No signal plans were contemplated for him and no [] name was assigned to the operation.